

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**  
**Project Review Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2004**  
**South Miami Hospital Education Center**  
**6200 SW 73<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Classroom E**  
**6 pm**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LtCol Antonio Colmenares, Chairman  
Hon. John Cosgrove

Marc Buoniconti  
Hon. James Reeder

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hilda Fernandez, Executive Director, OCITT  
Michele Stephen, Lake Catalina  
Joanna Santiago, OCITT  
Jena Congdon, Lake Catalina  
Nestor Toledo, OCITT  
Lee Macpherson, Lake Catalina  
Aurora Stephen, Lake Catalina  
Heather Fraser, DBD  
Beatriz Navarro Goudie, Lake Catalina  
Gisela Torres, Citizen  
Isabel Rodriguez, Citizen  
Yol Mullez, Lake Catalina  
David Tinder, PWD  
Clinton Forbes, MDT  
Ajibola Baloglin, City of South Miami  
Ramon Castella, City of Key Biscayne  
Alberto Parjus, MDT  
Jorge Zardoya, Citizen  
Gema Sanchez, Citizen  
Ines Jeferson, Citizen  
David Roger, Lake Catalina

Patty David, OCITT  
Louis Stephen, Lake Catalina  
John Labriola, OCITT  
Richard Congdon, Lake Catalina  
Pepe Valdes, OCITT  
Bobbie Lesman, Lake Catalina  
Betty Alexander, DBD  
Lawrence Percival, KFHA  
Frank Talleda, MDT  
Judy Kreutzer, Citizen  
Jose Govea, Lake Catalina  
Jose Gurevich, Lake Catalina  
Manuel Capo, Citizen  
Ron Beasley, Citizen  
Javier Salman, City of Key Biscayne  
Jack Furney, OCITT  
Maria Batista, MDT  
Maria Zardoya, Citizen  
Alejandro Sanchez, Citizen  
Jose Sanchez, Citizen

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum being present, Lt. Col. Colmenares called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He welcomed the residents attending the meeting to speak on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project and informed them that the CITT does not have any jurisdiction over the allocation of funds being utilized for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue expansion since it is not part of the PTP.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Lt. Col. Colmenares stated that the "Citizens' Comments" will be taken at the end of the meeting. Mr. Buoniconti moved approval of the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2004**

Lt. Col. Colmenares requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Buoniconti moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***City of South Miami***

Mr. W. Ajibola Balogun, Director of Public Works for the City of South Miami, provided an overview of the *South Miami's People's Transportation Plan 5-Year Plan 2003-2008* (a copy of the presentation was distributed). Mr. Balogun briefly discussed the following topics:

- PTP funding, Funding per Zones and Funding Distribution per Project Category
- Traffic calming for Northside Charrette Area, Snapper Creek Neighborhood and Manor Lane, SW 64<sup>th</sup> Street between SW 57<sup>th</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenues, CRA Area
- Downtown Improvements Phase 3
- Roadway resurfacing, citywide
- Bus Pullout Bay, U.S. 1 between Sunset Drive and SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- Trolley System
- Bus Shelters, Downtown
- Maintenance Equipment Purchase
- Traffic Control, Cocoplum Terrace Neighborhood & SW 62 Avenue

### ***Village of Key Biscayne***

Mr. Ramon Castella, Vice President, C3TS, P.A. representing the Village of Key Biscayne, provided the members with a power point presentation of the Crandon Boulevard Master Plan (a copy of the presentation was distributed). Mr. Castella briefly talked about the Goals & Objectives that entailed the following:

- Improved Public Safety
- Easing of Traffic Congestion
- Traffic Calming
- Pedestrianization
- Improved Mass Transit
- Streetscape Improvements

Mr. Cosgrove asked David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, to review if the CITT could advance proceeds to municipalities for PTP projects instead of the municipalities obtaining commercial loans.

The members thanked Mr. Balogun and Mr. Castella for their presentation. Lt. Col. Colmenares stated that he would like see some of the projects and would be calling to schedule a site visit within the next 90 days.

Lt. Col. Colmenares deferred the PRC PTP Analysis presentation for the next PRC meeting scheduled for June 9, 2004.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) TO SECURE AN INDEPENDENT, CERTIFIED MEMBER APPRAISAL INSTITUTE (MAI) OR ACCREDITED SENIOR APPRAISER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF APPRAISERS (ASA) TO PERFORM PROPERTY APPRAISALS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED COUNTY APPRAISER SELECTION PROCEDURES, IN A BLANKET AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.**

Ms. Fernandez reported that the item was approved by the BCC, May 11, 2004. The amount of the blanket authorization for MDT is \$75,000 to access appraisers for upcoming projects

associated with the Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue project which is an extension of the Metrorail. (A copy of the Executive Director's memorandum was distributed)

Mr. Cosgrove moved approval of item 6A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buoniconti and carried without dissent.

**B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE ACTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR \$450,000 IN STATE FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO COMMIT UP TO \$450,000 IN PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH, AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA.**

Ms. Fernandez reported that the item was approved by the BCC, May 11, 2004. The Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the FDOT for \$450,000 in state funds to be provided for the South Miami Pedestrian Overpass. There was some discussion among the members regarding the cost. Mr. Alberto Parjus, MDT, explained that the difference in cost from the Douglas Road Station overpass is accounted for by the complexity of design and construction required at that site.

Mr. Reeder moved approval of the item 6B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buoniconti and carried without dissent.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

LtCol Colmenares asked David Tinder to provide the committee with information regarding Mr. Lawrence Percival's request. Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator PWD, reported that Mr. Percival has attended several CITT meetings and addressed a concern relating to a PTP project on SW 127<sup>th</sup> Ave from SW 120 Street to SW 88 Street. Mr. Percival's concern relates to the continuity of the project to other developing projects on SW 127 Ave South of SW 120 Street. Mr. Tinder brought an exhibit to show the current status of developers and right-of-way issues all the way from SW 120 Street to South of SW 136 Street. Throughout this corridor dedications have been made to allow a 2-lane paved roadway. The portion North of SW 120 Street is currently under design and it is funded by Road Impact Fees. Mr. Tinder will look into bringing an amendment back to the CITT to revise the current limits to address the portion South of SW 120 Street. This would include adding 2 additional lanes of traffic to the proposed improvements. Mr. Tinder stated that a detailed look at the Southern Portion will be presented at the Community Council 11 meeting by Raul Pino from PWD. Mr. Tinder also stated that PWD is negotiating with consultants to begin a preliminary engineering analysis of the proposed project.

Mr. Lawrence Percival thanked the members for looking into the project and stated that the PTP will need to be amended in order for the project to be implemented. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the project 120<sup>th</sup> street will begin, therefore, in November he believes it can start. The project will be two years behind in terms of the process it needs to go through. So in reality we are looking at four years before all the lanes align up with each other. He asked the members if there is anything they can assist with in expediting the process. In addition, the 120<sup>th</sup> street widening will have to be considered in the design of both portions of SW 127 Ave. Mr. Tinder replied that PWD is in the process of working with the consultants on that project. Mr. Percival also noted that the Bicycle path along the 127<sup>th</sup> avenue.

Ms. Jena Congdon, president of the Lake Catalina Homeowners Association, introduced some of the residents representing Town Park Estates and Sunkist Estates who were there to speak against the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. She informed the committee that on February 1, 2001 a group of residents expressed their concerns regarding drag racing from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to Miller Road. The residents suggested to the County the following recommendations:

- Traffic Study
- Traffic calming device on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Miller Road
- Having the Police Department do something about the drag racing and speeding

However, nothing was ever done. On March 3, 2003 an email was received stating that Miami-Dade Public Works Department (PWD) would be meeting with the area residents, but to date, PWD has not met with the community nor have they provided the resident with any copy of the current traffic study. She further said that on December 2003, some residents received an anonymous letter indicating that 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was going to be opened between Bird Road and Miller Road. The residents were never officially informed that the project was going to be developed. In addition, Ms. Congdon presented copies of records indicating residents' numerous attempts to communicate with the BCC, which she indicated had not been successful. She further stated that the safety of the neighborhood has been jeopardized by the traffic. Ms. Congdon also provided the committee members with a copy of the recent newspaper articles relating to the residents' concerns. The following residents also expressed the same concerns: Ron Beasley, Bobbie Lesman, Jose Gurevich, Ines Alfonso, and Ellen Siegel.

Mr. Cosgrove moved to direct staff to investigate the County's position regarding the project and to determine if there are any PTP surtax proceeds being contemplated for the project. If surtax funds are going to be considered, it would then become a CITT item. He also asked staff to review if it would be appropriate to use surtax monies to review safety, law enforcement and traffic calming issues and to report back to the PRC at the next meeting, scheduled for June 9, 2004. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent.

LtCol Colmenares also urged the residents to continue to communicate with the local officials. Mr. Lawrence Percival stated that the Home Owners Associations (HOA) present could be part of the Kendall Federation Homeowners Association (KFHA). He suggested that the residents request assistance from the KFHA as well as Community Council 12.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next PRC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2004.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Project Review Committee meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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LtCol Antonio Colmenares

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***

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